

# Saint Basil Greek Orthodox Church

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Sunday, August 22, 2021

Saints and Feasts:

- ◇ 9th Sunday of Matthew
- ◇ Holy Martyr Anthuse
- ◇ The Holy Martyr Agathonicus

So absolutely nothing does it avail to be near Christ, if not being near Him by faith .... Signifying therefore that not the assault of the wind, but his want of faith had wrought his overthrow, He said, "Wherefore did you doubt, O you of little faith?"

So that if his faith had not been weak, he would have stood easily against the wind also. And for this reason, you see, even when He had caught hold of Him, He suffers the wind to blow, showing that no hurt comes thereby, when faith is steadfast.

**St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 50 on Matthew 14, 4th Century*



As a service to our parishioners who are unable to physically attend Divine Services at St. Basil, a Live Stream of the Services can be found on the Church Facebook Page.

**Narthex Duty:**

Tom Bezanes

**Welcoming Ministry:**

Lambros Peroulas

**Orthros Reader:**

Maria Constantinides

**Coffee Hour:**

St. Basil Philoptochos

## Communion Guidelines:

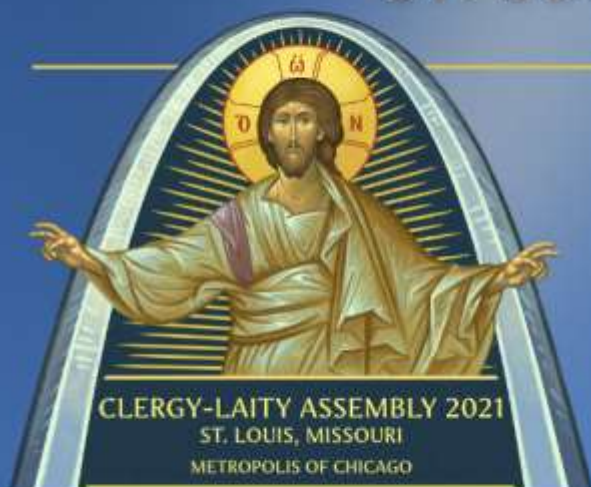
As a reminder, only Baptized and Chrismated Orthodox Christians may receive Holy Communion. Follow the Ushers row by row and please exit towards the outside aisles.

METROPOLIS OF CHICAGO

# CLERGY-LAITY ASSEMBLY

**OCTOBER 7 - 10, 2021**

Hilton St. Louis at the Ballpark  
**ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI**



## HOST PARISHES

St. Nicholas in St. Louis, MO  
and SS. Constantine & Helen  
in Swansea, IL

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# Hymns of the Day After the Small Entrance

## Resurrectional Apolytikion

Plagal of the 4<sup>th</sup> Tone

You descended from on high, O merciful Lord. You accepted the cross and three days in the tomb to free us from the bondage of sin, O our life and resurrection. Glory to You, O Lord.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον Ἀναστάσιμον

Ἦχος πλ. δ'

Ἐξ ὕψους κατήλθες ὁ εὐσπλαγχνος, ταφὴν καταδέξω τριήμερον, ἵνα ἡμᾶς ἐλευθερώσῃς τῶν παθῶν, Ἡ ζωὴ καὶ ἡ Ἀνάστασις ἡμῶν, Κύριε δόξα σοι.

## Apolytikion for Afterfeast of the Dormition

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

In giving birth you retained your virginity, and in dormition you did not forsake the world, O Theotokos. You were translated unto life, being the Mother of Life. And thus by virtue of your intercessions you deliver our souls from death.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον

Ἦχος α'

Ὡς ἐν τῇ Γεννήσει τὴν παρθενίαν ἐφύλαξας, ἐν τῇ Κοιμήσει τὸν κόσμον οὐ κατέλιπες Θεοτόκε, Μετέστης πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν, μήτηρ υπάρχουσα τῆς ζωῆς, καὶ ταῖς πρεσβείαις ταῖς σαῖς λυτρουμένη, ἐκ θανάτου τὰς ψυχὰς ἡμῶν.

## Apolytikion for the Church

1<sup>st</sup> Tone

Your proclamation went forth into all the earth, for it accepted your word, through which you taught the dogmas befitting God, you expounded on the nature of all that is, and you arranged the morals of society. A royal priesthood! Devout father Basil, intercede with Christ our God, to grant us His great mercy.

## Ἀπολυτίκιον τοῦ Ναοῦ

Ἦχος α'

Εἰς πᾶσαν τὴν γῆν ἐξῆλθεν ὁ φθόγγος σου, ὡς δεξαμένην τὸν λόγον σου, δι' οὗ θεοπρεπῶς ἐδογματίσας, τὴν φύσιν τῶν ὄντων ἐτράνωσας, τὰ τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἤθη κατεκόσμησας, Βασίλειον Ἱεράτευμα, Πάτερ Ὅσιε, Χριστὸν τὸν Θεὸν ἱκέτευε, δωρήσασθαι ἡμῖν τὸ μέγα ἔλεος.

## Kontakion

2<sup>nd</sup> Tone

Neither the grave nor death could contain the Theotokos, the unshakable hope, ever vigilant in intercession and protection. As Mother of life, He who dwelt in the ever-virginal womb transposed her to life.

## Κοντάκιον

Ἦχος β'

Τὴν ἐν πρεσβείαις ἀκοίμητον Θεοτόκον, καὶ προστασίαις ἀμετάθετον ἐλπίδα, τάφος καὶ νέκρωσις οὐκ ἐκράτησεν, ὡς γὰρ ζωῆς Μητέρα, πρὸς τὴν ζωὴν μετέστησεν, ὁ μήτραν οἰκήσας ἀειπαρθένον.



## Ο ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΟΣ / THE EPISTLE

The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Corinthians 3:9-17

Πρὸς Κορινθίους α' 3:9-17  
τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα

Brethren, we are God's fellow workers; you are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it. Let each man take care how he builds upon it. For no other foundation can any one lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if any one builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw - each man's work will become manifest; for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done. If the work which any man has built on the foundation survives, he will receive a reward. If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If any one destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and that temple you are.

Ἀδελφοί, Θεοῦ γάρ ἐσμεν συνεργοί· θεοῦ γεώργιον, θεοῦ οἰκοδομή ἐστε. Κατὰ τὴν χάριν τοῦ θεοῦ τὴν δοθεῖσάν μοι, ὡς σοφὸς ἀρχιτέκτων θεμέλιον τέθεικα, ἄλλος δὲ ἐποικοδομεῖ. Ἕκαστος δὲ βλέπω πῶς ἐποικοδομεῖ. Θεμέλιον γὰρ ἄλλον οὐδεὶς δύναται θεῖναι παρὰ τὸν κείμενον, ὅς ἐστιν Ἰησοῦς Χριστός. Εἰ δέ τις ἐποικοδομεῖ ἐπὶ τὸν θεμέλιον τοῦτον χρυσόν, ἄργυρον, λίθους τιμίους, ξύλα, χόρτον, καλάμην, ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον φανερόν γενήσεται· ἡ γὰρ ἡμέρα δηλώσει, ὅτι ἐν πυρὶ ἀποκαλύπτεται· καὶ ἐκάστου τὸ ἔργον ὅποῖόν ἐστιν τὸ πῦρ δοκιμάσει. Εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον μένει ὁ ἐποικοδόμησεν, μισθὸν λήψεται. Εἴ τις τὸ ἔργον κατακαήσεται, ζημιωθήσεται· αὐτὸς δὲ σωθήσεται, οὕτως δὲ ὡς διὰ πυρός. Οὐκ οἶδατε ὅτι ναὸς θεοῦ ἐστε, καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν; Εἴ τις τὸν ναὸν τοῦ θεοῦ φθείρει, φθερεῖ τοῦτον ὁ θεός· ὁ γὰρ ναὸς τοῦ θεοῦ ἅγιός ἐστιν, οἵτινές ἐστε ὑμεῖς.





# ΤΟ ΘΕΙΟΝ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΟΝ / THE HOLY GOSPEL

## The Gospel According to Matthew 14:22-34

At that time, Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but the boat by this time was many furlongs distant from the land, beaten by the waves; for the wind was against them. And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out for fear. But immediately he spoke to them, saying "Take heart, it is I; have no fear."

And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus; but when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "O man of little faith, why did you doubt?" And when they entered the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret.

## Ἐκ τοῦ Κατὰ Ματθαῖον 14:22-34 Εὐαγγελίου τὸ Ἀνάγνωσμα

Τῷ καιρῷ ἐκείνῳ, ἠνάγκασεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς τοὺς μαθητὰς ἐμβῆναι εἰς τὸ πλοῖον καὶ προάγειν αὐτὸν εἰς τὸ πέραν, ἕως οὗ ἀπολύσει τοὺς ὄχλους. Καὶ ἀπολύσας τοὺς ὄχλους ἀνέβη εἰς τὸ ὄρος κατ' ἰδίαν προσεύξασθαι. Ὀψίας δὲ γενομένης μόνος ἦν ἐκεῖ. Τὸ δὲ πλοῖον ἤδη σταδίου πολλοὺς ἀπὸ τῆς γῆς ἀπεῖχεν, βασανιζόμενον ὑπὸ τῶν κυμάτων, ἦν γὰρ ἐναντίος ὁ ἄνεμος. Τετάρτῃ δὲ φυλακῇ τῆς νυκτὸς ἦλθεν πρὸς αὐτοὺς περιπατῶν ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν. Οἱ δὲ μαθηταὶ ἰδόντες αὐτὸν ἐπὶ τῆς θαλάσσης περιπατοῦντα ἐταράχθησαν λέγοντες ὅτι Φάντασμα ἐστίν, καὶ ἀπὸ τοῦ φόβου ἔκραζαν. Εὐθὺς δὲ ἐλάλησεν [ὁ Ἰησοῦς] αὐτοῖς λέγων, Θαρσεῖτε, ἐγὼ εἰμι· μὴ φοβεῖσθε. Ἀποκριθεὶς δὲ αὐτῷ ὁ Πέτρος εἶπεν, Κύριε, εἰ σὺ εἶ, κέλευσόν με ἐλθεῖν πρὸς σὲ ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα· ὁ δὲ εἶπεν, Ἐλθέ. καὶ καταβάς ἀπὸ τοῦ πλοίου ὁ Πέτρος περιεπάτησεν ἐπὶ τὰ ὕδατα καὶ ἦλθεν πρὸς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Βλέπων δὲ τὸν ἄνεμον ἐφοβήθη, καὶ ἀρξάμενος καταποντίζεσθαι ἔκραξεν λέγων, Κύριε, σῶσόν με. Εὐθέως δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐκτείνας τὴν χεῖρα ἐπέλαβετο αὐτοῦ καὶ λέγει αὐτῷ, Ὁλιγόπιστε, εἰς τί ἐδίστας; καὶ ἀναβάντων αὐτῶν εἰς τὸ πλοῖον ἐκόπασεν ὁ ἄνεμος. Οἱ δὲ ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ προσεκύνησαν αὐτῷ λέγοντες, Ἀληθῶς Θεοῦ υἱὸς εἶ. Καὶ διαπεράσαντες ἦλθον ἐπὶ τὴν γῆν εἰς Γεννησαρέτ.

# Calendar for the Weeks Ahead

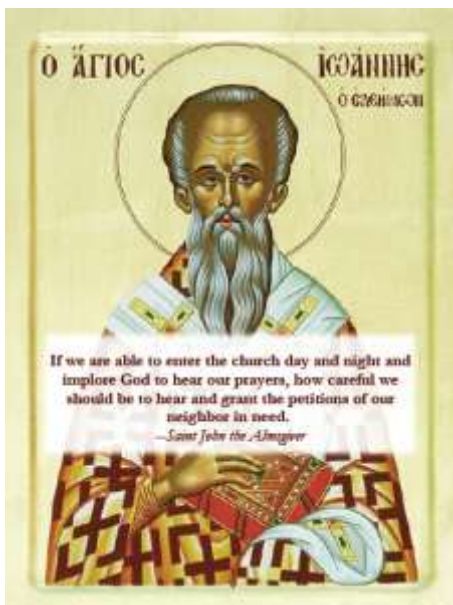
- **Sunday, August 22, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 9th Sunday of Matthew**
  - Wednesday, August 25, - Sunday School Registration
  - Wednesday, August 25, 5:30pm - Paraklesis to the Virgin Mary
- **Sunday, August 29, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Beheading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Baptist John**
- **Sunday, September 5, 8:15am - Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the 11th Sunday of Matthew**
  - Tuesday, September 7, 9:00pm - Parish Council Meeting
  - Thursday, September 9, 12:00pm - Open Prayer Hours

## Parish News and Events

### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

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### Open Prayer Hours

St. Basil is hosting open prayer hours from 12 – 2 pm each Thursday beginning August 19. Come and spend your lunch hour in quiet prayer as we open our doors and invite those who live and work in the community to encounter the Lord Jesus Christ in our beautiful church. If you are interested in volunteering by serving as a welcoming face and answering our visitors' questions, please contact Vicky at the church office 312-243-3738.

### We need your help - You Might be Missing Out

We have started a weekly St. Basil E-Bulletin - which goes out early each week and for some of you, this email is going into "spam" or "trash". Please take a look at your spam and trash files and if you see it there, with most servers there's a button you can push to stop it's going into trash/spam. Or, enter [stbasilchicago@comcast.net](mailto:stbasilchicago@comcast.net) into your email contacts list. Thanks!

**Books for Prisoners** - Many inmates with whom we correspond through the prison ministry request books to read. Topics include self-help, vocational training, orthodoxy, history, and fiction. If you can make a small donation to defray the cost of purchasing and sending books, please see Vicky in the church office. Any size donation is appreciated.

### Stewardship - Have You Become A Steward For 2021?

If not, know that everything we have is God's and we are just managers during this brief life. Become a steward today. "He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God" (2 Cor. 9:10-11).

## St. Basil Greek Orthodox Church August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 6th Sunday of Matthew 6:00 pm Paraklisis Service 6:00 pm Paraklisis Service	<b>2</b> 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary 7:00 pm Parish Council	<b>3</b> 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	<b>4</b> 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	<b>5</b> 7:00 pm *Great Vespers for Transfiguration of our Lord Monastery (at Harvard, IL monas- tery)	<b>6</b> 6:30 am Dimitri Early Morning Divine Liturgy for Transfigura- tion of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ 8:30 am *Orthros and Divine Liturgy for Transfigura- tion of our Lord	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 7th Sunday of Matthew	<b>9</b> 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	<b>10</b> 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	<b>11</b> 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	<b>12</b> 5:30 pm Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	<b>13</b> 5:30 pm Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	<b>14</b> 7:00 pm *Great Vespers for Assumption of Virgin Mary (at Chicago-area parishes)
<b>15</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for The Dormi- tion of our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos and Ever Virgin Mary	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for 9th Sunday of Matthew	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 5:30 pm Sunday School Registration Paraklisis to the Virgin Mary	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Pastoral Day for Fr. Dimitri	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> 8:15 am Orthros and Divine Liturgy for the Be- heading of the Holy and Glorious Prophet, Forerunner and Bap- tist John	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>				

## Matthew 25:35-36 - The Last Judgment

**For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink:**

Please donate food for the needy.

**I was a stranger, and you took me in:**

Please welcome our Catechumens and Guests

**Naked, and you clothed me:**

Please consider donating clothes to the local shelter.

**I was sick, and you visited me:**

Please pray for the speedy recovery of: (Send the names of those you wish prayed for)

**I was in prison, and you came unto me:**

**Please pray for:** Alan, Alfredo, Andrew, Anthony, Arthur, Bryant, Calvin, Choice, Clarence, Coery, Darron, David, Deshaun, Devon, Dolen, Donald, Eddie, Eddie, Edwin, Eugene, Freddie, Henry, James, James, Jerry, Jerry, John, Jose, Joseph, Karl, Kerwinn, Lakeisha, Lendie, Mario, Michael, Michael, Monte, Parrish, Patrice, Ralph, Robert, Robert, Roberto, Ryan, Scott, Patrick Michael, Seneca, Shawn, Terrell, Timothy, Wendell, Willie  
**Please pray for and consider visiting our shut-ins. Please also see Pat Cole to see about writing Letters to those Incarcerated through our prison ministry. It means the world to them to receive love.**



## VISITATION POLICY

If you would like Fr. Dimitri to visit you in the hospital, please call him or have a family member call. Fr. Dimitri will not go unless he is asked by the family. This is in compliance with both HIPAA and patient privacy.

## STEWARDSHIP CORNER

**Remember this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not reluctantly or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-7**

### STEWARD GOAL

145 Stewards YTD  
% of Goal: **75.26%**

101 Stewards Engaged in Ministries  
% of Goal: **71.63%**

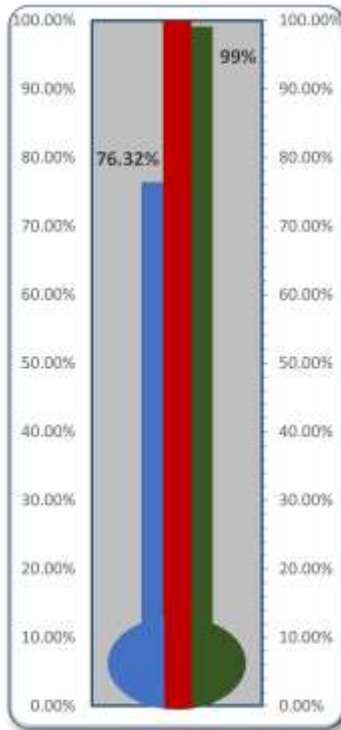


### PLEDGE GOAL

\$19198,229.000 Pledged  
YTD  
% of Goal: **99%**

Operational Expenses  
\$317,700 (860 per day 2021)

Average Pledge



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To follow along during Orthros, Liturgy, Vespers, and Holy Week Services right on your smart device

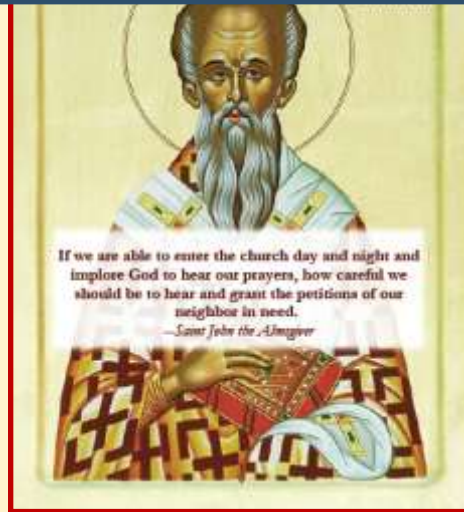




**It's that time of year to get your clubs out  
and join Metropolitan Nathanael on the  
golf course!**

All clergy, stewards, families, friends, young adults, and youth are invited to the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Chicago's 3rd Annual Golf Outing, benefiting the Metropolis' **Mustard Seed Fund** , at the Arrowhead Golf Club in Wheaton, Illinois on **Thursday, September 23, 2021 !**

## Parish Outreach



### St. John the Almsgiver Ministry

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**1. Purchase the items we currently need from our [AmazonSmile wishlist](#). Whatever you purchase will be shipped directly to St. Basil.**

- Cloth COVID-19 mask
- 1 winter item (hat, gloves, scarf, etc.)
- 1 long-under wear set
- 2 pairs of single-use warmers (foot and body)
- 1 pair of white tube socks
- 1 toothbrush
- 1 tube of toothpaste
- 1 comb
- 6 Band-Aids
- 3 antimicrobial hand wipes
- 1 bottle of water
- 1 granola bar
- 1 gift card (Jewel \$10)

**2. We are always in need of \$10 Jewel-Osco cards. To purchase these, you can [call or email Jewel-Osco](#) and have the cards mailed to St. Basil (733 S Ashland Ave, Chicago 60607). If you're physically coming to church, you can also drop off gift cards with Mrs. Vicky Crosby.**

# Metropolis Outreach



## CARE KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Sanitary Wipes
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Feminine Products
- Water
- Granola Bar

## WINTER KITS

In a one-gallon Ziploc bag include:

- Toothbrush + Paste
- Body Soap
- Deodorant
- Handwarmers
- Winter Gloves
- Socks
- Winter Hats



**H O P E**  
Humanitarian Outreach & Philanthropic Engagement

## DINNER BAGS

In a large reusable or paper bag include:

- Pasta/Rice/Lentils – 2lbs.
- Instant Potatoes – 1 box
- Cereal/Oatmeal – 1box
- Crackers – 1 box
- Broth – 32 oz.

Canned Vegetables – 2 cans

Canned Meat/Fish or Beans – 2 cans

Peanut Butter – 16 oz.

Fruit Jam – 18 oz.

Pasta Sauce – 16 oz.

Cooking Oil – 24 oz.

Nuts/Granola Bars – 1 pack

Canned Soup/Chili – optional

Powdered Milk - optional

**Drop off assembled kits to St. Basil  
Greek Orthodox Church  
on Sundays 9am –12pm.**

**This is an ongoing Metropolis Outreach Project**



# Coffee Hour **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

*"My cup overflows with your blessings."*  
PSALM 23:5

Do you want to celebrate a loved one?

- ◊ Birthday
- ◊ Nameday
- ◊ Anniversary
- ◊ Memorial

## Offer a Coffee Hour at St. Basil!

Click the Link to volunteer!







Inspired by the impact of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund established during the pandemic, the Metropolis of Chicago announced today the establishment of a new parish advancement initiative – **the Mustard Seed Fund** – to help drive parish growth through evangelism, welcoming, and outreach.

The Mustard Seed Fund seeks to replicate the successful model of the COVID-19 Parish Relief Fund, which raised more than \$250,000 for financial assistance to parishes facing economic hardship caused by the pandemic.

To support its objectives and development, the Metropolis of Chicago will seed the new fund with an initial distribution of \$25,000 and will launch and sustain a grassroots fundraising campaign to raise additional donations.

[Learn More](#)

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